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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8585  
Choong Seng BOON : Docket No.01489/P158730  
Serial No. 09/155, 398 : Group Art Unit 2613  
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DIGITAL IMAGE REPLENISHMENT  
METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE  
AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM

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TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel the claims presently in the case without prejudice and substitute therefor the following new claims:

35. An image coding method in which motion compensation predictive coding is performed to a digital image signal forming an image space including an image having an arbitrary shape and containing significant pixels and insignificant pixels, said image coding method comprising:  
coding difference information between the digital image signal and a corresponding predictive image signal corresponding thereto;